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Applicants:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 27, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2008, the reply thereto being extended by three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time set to expire on June 27, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks are included following the amendments.